

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT: ~~This invention relates to a~~ A vertebral endplate chisel comprising:

- ~~a) a base having upper and lower shaving portions, and proximal and distal portions;~~
- ~~b) an upper shaving portion extending distally from the upper base portion;~~
- ~~c) a lower shaving portion extending distally from the lower base portion, the upper and lower shaving portions being disposed substantially parallel to each other and each having a width; and~~
- d) a non-cutting guide integrally connected to and extending between the shaving portions and adapted to center the chisel within the disc space so that equal amounts of bone are removed from each endplate by the shaving portions as the chisel moves through the disc space.
~~and having a width wherein the width of the guide is no more than 95% of the width of the upper shaving portion.~~